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Sir:

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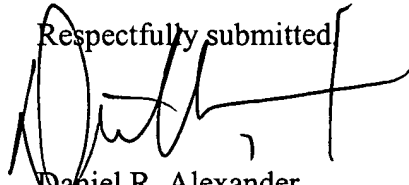
☒ This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing dates of prior application Serial Nos.:  
09/374,707, filed on August 13, 1999; and  
09/374,321, filed on August 13, 1999.

☒ The relevance of the non-English language references listed on Form PTO-1449, is submitted on the basis of:

- ☐ the accompanying English language translation.
- ☐ the accompanying EPO Search Report.
- ☒ the accompanying International Search Report.
- ☐ the following concise explanation.

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Respectfully submitted,

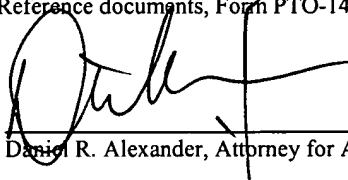


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